captioned, "Glaring errors in new History syllabi", reported in the Hindustan Times dated 23rd January, 2002;

(b) if so, whether Government had declared that the NCERT textbooks would be vetted by the academicians;

(c) if so, whether the new syllabi contains glaring errors and are politically motivated; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to review their decision; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE) DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The NCERT books are written by academicians, teachers and other experts as per set procedure which is being followed.

(c) and (d) The NCERT has undetaken suitable measures on the basis of the comments and suggestions received from well-known historians and CBSE. No review is being considered, however, NCERT has been accepting constructive suggestions for further improvement in all academic and professional matters.

Subsistence Allowance to Suspended Kendriya Vidyalaya Teachers

221. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many Kendriya Vidyalaya teachers in Bhopal and Jabalpur regions, placed under suspension during 1999 and 2000, have not been paid any amount as subsistence allowance from the dates of their suspension;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether departmental inquiries are also being conducted without paying them the essential subsistence allowance; and

(d) if so, the rationale and legality thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) As reported by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, there is only one case of KVS (Regional Office) Bhopal where subsistence allowance could not be paid to the charged

officer due to non-submission of the mandatory, non-employment certificate inspite of orders to this effect issued by the Principal, Kendriya Vidyalaya Barkuhi and Assistant Commissioner, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (Regional Office) Bhopal. However, there is no such case under Jabalpur region.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) It is mandatory to institute Disciplinary Proceedings against an employee who has been placed under suspension. The subsistence allowance has not been paid to the teacher in question because of non submission of the required non-employment certificate which is mandatory for Subsistence Allowance claim.

Exploitation of Women

†222. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes formulated by Government for strengthening financial position of women of the country, particularly rural women, by providing employment opportunities and preventing exploitation against them; and

(b) the details of necessary action taken by Government for effective implementation of these schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) The details of the schemes are given in the statement (*See* below).

(b) The Department is regularly monitoring the implementation of the schemes through periodic progress reports, review meetings, visits and inspections and monitoring and evaluation studies.

Statement

Women specific Schemes of Department of Women and Children

1. Support to Training and Employment Programme for Women (STEP)

This Programme launched in 1987, seeks to provide updated skills and new knowledge to poor and assetless women in the traditional sectors, such as, agriculture, animal husbandry, dairying, fisheries, handlooms, handicrafts, khadi

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.